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Board Meeting Agenda

June 20, 2023 · 2:00 pm · Regular Meeting

This meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Chambers of the David R. Sandifer Building, 30 Government Center Drive NE, Bolivia, NC, 28422.

Members of the public may observe the meeting in-person or via live video feed online using [Zoom](#). You will need to have Zoom installed on your computer or mobile device prior to joining the webinar; no registration or passcode is required.

- 1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a. May 16, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- 4. Public Comments**
 - a. Any individual or group who wishes to address the board may make a request to be on the agenda to the Board of Elections Staff. Public comments should be limited to three to five minutes.
 - b. A public comment portal allows those not in attendance during a board meeting to address the board. [Public Comment Portal Link](#)
 - c. Questions and comments entered via Zoom during the meeting will not be addressed.
- 5. Director's Report**
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. none
- 7. New Business**
 - a. none
- 8. Adjourn**

The next board meeting is an organizational and regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 12:00 pm in the Commissioners' Chambers of the David R. Sandifer Administration Building.

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Meeting Minutes · Regular Meeting · May 16, 2023 · 2:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Boyd Williamson, Secretary Stuart Smith, Member Edward E. Lewis, and Member Randy Pelton

Board Staff Present: Director Sara LaVere, Deputy Director Melissa Monroe, and Elections Logistics Specialist Ryan Childress

Meeting Opening

Mr. Williamson called the meeting to order and everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. LaVere requested the agenda item of a polling place on Bald Head Island be removed from the agenda as the citizen requesting discussion asked that the item be considered at a future meeting. Mr. Pelton made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Pelton made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2023 Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There were public comments submitted online that were read by Ms. Monroe. There were no public comments from the in-person audience.

Mr. Pelton commented that in his 10-year tenure on the board that each member he has worked with has been committed to elections integrity and security.

Mr. Williamson stated that he holds the chairs of the Republican and Democrat parties in the highest regard, as everyone has a job to do.

Director's Report

Ms. LaVere provided the board with the following information in the director's report:

- Updated voter registration statistics attached.
- On April 28, the NC Supreme Court issued 3 separate opinions which impact elections in NC.
 - In CSI v. Moore, the court opinion changes when a felon regains their voting rights. If a person is on probation, post-release supervision, or parole for a felony conviction, they must complete that portion of their sentence, in addition

to any prison time, before being eligible to register or vote. Prior to this decision, a felon was eligible to vote as long as they were not incarcerated.

- In *Holmes v. Moore*, the court reversed the injunction against photo ID implementation. The result is that photo ID will be implemented beginning with the municipal elections in 2023.
 - Ms. LaVere clarified that we are waiting for further guidance from the state regarding procedures, acceptable IDs and issuance of Voter Photo IDs at the Board of Elections office.
- In *Harper v. Hall* and *NCLCV v. Hall*, the court has given the General Assembly the opportunity to enact all new districts for state house, state senate, and US House for 2024.
- Update on participation in U.S. Alliance for Election Excellence activities.
 - On May 4, Melissa and I participated in a virtual meeting with Macoupin County, IL and some of the partners to begin discussing the development of values and standards of election excellence (VSEE) surrounding poll workers.
 - On May 22-24, there is an in-person convening to further the development of the VSEE surrounding poll workers. Melissa and I will be participating virtually from our office.
- On Thursday, May 18, we will be hosting our first Elections Expo in the Commissioners' Chambers. The public will be able to visit different stations throughout the room and experience an election, and even be able to mark a mock ballot. The staff has worked diligently preparing for this event including new outreach material and a gift basket giveaway.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Consideration of Director travel to Election Assistance Commission Local Leadership Council Annual Meeting.

Ms. LaVere summarized the Local Leadership Council was established by the EAC on June 8, 2021. This board is made up of 100 local election officials who are current or former officers in each state's local election official association. As leaders and officials who work firsthand to administer elections at the local level, the advisory board will provide recommendations and direct feedback to the EAC on a range of election administration topics to include but not limited to voter registration and voter list maintenance, voting system user practices, ballot administration (programming, printing, and logistics), processing, accounting, canvassing, auditing and testing of ballots, and certification of results.

The council's first annual meeting will be held July 20-21 in Washington, DC. The EAC covers travel expenses to/from the meeting so there is no cost to the county. Ms. LaVere sought the

approval of the board to participate in this meeting. The board concurred this meeting would be of valuable experience.

Mr. Williamson stated that he has enjoyed his tenure on the board, but he will not be seeking another term of reappointment. Mr. Pelton and Mr. Lewis concurred it has been their pleasure to work with Mr. Williamson.

Adjournment

Mr. Pelton made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

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Date: 6/20/2023

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Commissioners' Chambers

Agenda Item: Director's Report

Summary:

1. Update on activities with the U.S. Alliance for Election Excellence
2. Fiscal year 23-24 budget update (budget set to be approved by county commissioners on June 19)
3. Legislative update – [S747](#) and [S749](#)
4. Upcoming voter education and outreach events

Attachments:

1. May voter registration statistics

Brunswick County Voter Registration Statistics Monthly Report

| | 2023 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| Registered Voters | 124,357 | 124,851 | 125,499 | 125,871 | 126,346 | | | | | | | |
| Voters Removed | 4,366 | 307 | 281 | 440 | 418 | | | | | | | |
| New Registrations Processed | 923 | 813 | 737 | 952 | 851 | | | | | | | |
| Registrations Processed w/ No Changes | 267 | 240 | 199 | 208 | 194 | | | | | | | |
| Voter Registration Changes Processed | 411 | 326 | 389 | 491 | 387 | | | | | | | |
| Monthly VR Transactions | 5,967 | 1,686 | 1,606 | 2,091 | 1,850 | | | | | | | |
| Verifications Mailed Out | 6,012 | 1,042 | 1,034 | 1,522 | 1,495 | | | | | | | |
| NCOA Mailing | 0 | 1,345 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Verifications returned undeliverable | 4,648 | 20 | 1,144 | 53 | 29 | | | | | | | |
| Voter Returned Confirmation Card Update | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Confirmations Mailed Out | 4,700 | 90 | 82 | 1,098 | 48 | | | | | | | |
| Democratic | 26,839 | 26,839 | 26,944 | 27,012 | 27,037 | | | | | | | |
| Republican | 50,137 | 50,378 | 50,635 | 50,784 | 50,972 | | | | | | | |
| Libertarian | 672 | 674 | 679 | 675 | 675 | | | | | | | |
| Green | 9 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 15 | | | | | | | |
| Unaffiliated | 46,700 | 46,950 | 47,229 | 47,386 | 47,647 | | | | | | | |
| American Indian | 366 | 367 | 368 | 367 | 366 | | | | | | | |
| Asian | 459 | 459 | 469 | 470 | 476 | | | | | | | |
| Black | 8,633 | 8,655 | 8,718 | 8,752 | 8,765 | | | | | | | |
| Multi-Racial | 267 | 267 | 267 | 266 | 264 | | | | | | | |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 9 | | | | | | | |
| White | 103,137 | 103,600 | 104,145 | 104,489 | 104,915 | | | | | | | |
| Other Race | 1,741 | 1,762 | 1,800 | 1,823 | 1,855 | | | | | | | |
| Undesignated Race | 9,748 | 9,735 | 9,726 | 9,698 | 9,696 | | | | | | | |
| Female | 61,179 | 61,418 | 61,729 | 61,905 | 62,128 | | | | | | | |
| Male | 52,801 | 53,026 | 53,329 | 53,512 | 53,718 | | | | | | | |
| Undesignated Gender | 10,377 | 10,407 | 10,441 | 10,454 | 10,500 | | | | | | | |
| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| Democratic | 21.58% | 21.50% | 21.47% | 21.46% | 21.40% | | | | | | | |
| Republican | 40.32% | 40.35% | 40.35% | 40.35% | 40.34% | | | | | | | |
| Libertarian | 0.54% | 0.54% | 0.54% | 0.54% | 0.53% | | | | | | | |
| Green | 0.01% | 0.01% | 0.01% | 0.01% | 0.01% | | | | | | | |
| Unaffiliated | 37.55% | 37.60% | 37.63% | 37.65% | 37.71% | | | | | | | |

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